Diversion of funds allotted for electrification of Bangalore-Jolarpet Section

1054. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:
SHRI HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds allotted for Electrification of Bangalore-Jolarpet section have been diverted; and

(b) what is the progress of work in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Preliminary works connected with electrification are in progress. Tenders for the main work of supply and erection of overhead equipment have been invited.

Shatabadi Express

1055. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Shatabadi Express" the fastest train in the sub-continent, commenced commercial run between New Delhi and Jhansi on the 10th July, 1988;

(b) what is the number of passengers carried by this train, till date, right from the beginning;

(c) whether it is a fact that originally this train was planned on Delhi-Kanpur route;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for changing the original plan;

(e) whether Government propose to reconsider the decision of running "Shatabadi Express" on Delhi-Jhansi due to the lukeworker response from the passengers and to change it to Delhi-Kanpur route;

(f) if so, what are details thereof; and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(g) whether Government propose to introduce more such trains in various other sections, if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 9394 passengers (approximately) were carried by this train between 10th and 25th of July, 1988.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) There is adequate traffic potential for the train on Delhi-Jhansi route and even more when the train gets extended to Bhopal and plies during normal travel seasons.

(g) Decision will be taken based on the experience gained.